

**PRESENT:** Cr Jason Newton (Chairperson), Mr Gary McKernan (Boxing), Mrs Emmah Watton (Netball), Mr Ian Clifton (CRUFC), Mr Tim Evans (CJRNC) and Ms Deborah Mukhar (Soccer)(Arrived at 5.07pm).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Nicole Benson (Acting Director Technical Services), Mr David Smith\* (Acting Manager Urban Services & Facilities) and Mr Rejoice De Vera (Manager Projects).

*\* Attendance via Zoom video conference.*

Gary McKernan left the meeting at 5.55pm.

Tim Evans left the meeting at 6.09pm.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Kodi Brady and Mr Stephen Walton (CRLFC).

### **MINUTES**

**1/2324 RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Sporting Complex Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 April 2023 be confirmed.

**McKernan/Watton**

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### a) Progress of Coonabarabran No 3 Oval Amenities

A/DTS outlined progress to date – boundary survey complete; landowners consent from Caravan Park and WSC has been sought; quotes to underground the power closed on 28 July 2023; discussions are ongoing with Essential Energy; the hygiene report has been received and there is no asbestos in the building which will make it easy for volunteers to demolish. Four contractors were asked to submit quotations to underground the powerlines and submissions are being assessed.

The new amenities layout plan was tabled. It showed several toilets had been removed in light of the number of adjacent toilets, which had in turn freed up additional room for storage. It was noted that the referee's room and accessible toilets have minimal size/circulation requirements so it wasn't recommended they be reduced in size any further.

Cricket needs were discussed and it was confirmed that they were part of the original grant application and that the A/DTS had met with Cricket in 2022 regarding their needs.

The group agreed that the two storage areas on the northern end of the building be divided equally into three with roller doors; and that the kiosk and adjacent storage at the southern end be combined but with double doors added and the roller shutter to be removed. Furthermore, that the change room toilets be moved to the rear of the building so they are located together and that one shower be removed from each change room to create additional bench space.

**ACTION** – Revised layout plan to be re-distributed to Committee members for their information. Council staff to assess and cost whether there is room for an accessible shower in the accessible toilet and advise the Committee.

b) Coonabarabran Ovals Masterplan Budget Allocation

A/DTS explained that Council had allocated \$75,000 in the 2024/25 Operational Plan for the development of a Masterplan for the entire site.

c) Greyhound Racing NSW Update

Greyhound Racing NSW and representatives from the Moree Greyhound Racing Club have been to site and removed some equipment. Other items will be removed by Greyhound Racing NSW and distributed to surrounding clubs. It was noted that there is a netball carnival booked for 10 September and access to the building identified for netball storage would be appreciated if it could be organised by then. A/DTS advised that Council would need to assess the storage area to ensure that it was safe and fit for purpose before allocating the space to netball.

**ACTION** – A/MUSF to follow up with Greyhound Racing NSW and inspect the building to assess the condition and ensure it is fit for purpose.

d) Nomination of Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union Representative

Request for representative from Coonabarabran Junior Rugby Union. A/DTS advised the group that Sebastian Fox had requested to come along to the meeting but was advised that the Committee would consider his request for membership at the meeting and let him know the outcome.

**ACTION** – A/DTS to let Mr Fox know about the outcome and once minutes have been endorsed ask him to complete the nomination form to be considered at the next meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- A/DTS advised that the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure had approved the project name change to remove the reference to 'women only'.
- Debbie Mukhar let the group know that Soccer would like to contribute \$5,000 to the new amenities on the condition that they receive a letter advising how the money would be spent. It was discussed that Council does not pay for fit out of facilities and suggested that the generous offer be taken back to the Soccer Committee for further consideration as the money may be required for the soccer specific kiosk fit out items.
- It was asked whether Council should apply to the funding bodies for an extension of time beyond June 2024 in light of how long Essential Energy may take to approve the powerline works. It was agreed that it may be required but that development consent and procurement of the amenities block still had to take place, therefore a decision could be made further down the track once timeframes were clearer.
- Ceiling height of the new amenities was talked about and Manager Projects advised it is approximately 3m.
- The cost to bury the powerline was discussed and it was stated that Steve McEvoy is able to complete the excavation, burying, bedding etc.

**MINUTES OF THE COONABARABRAN SPORTING COMPLEX ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE GALLERY MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, JOHN STREET, COONABARABRAN ON  
MONDAY, 31 JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM**

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.15pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Monday, 29 January 2024 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON